ERATION TREATY (PCT) 3 1 MAY 2005

(19) World Intellectual Property Organization

International Bureau



| CONTRACTOR | CONT

(43) International Publication Date 10 June 2004 (10.06.2004)

PCT

(10) International Publication Number WO 2004/049210 A1

(51) International Patent Classification⁷:

G06F 17/30

(21) International Application Number:

PCT/NZ2003/000262

(22) International Filing Date:

27 November 2003 (27.11.2003)

(25) Filing Language:

English

(26) Publication Language:

English

(30) Priority Data:

522887

28 November 2002 (28.11.2002) N

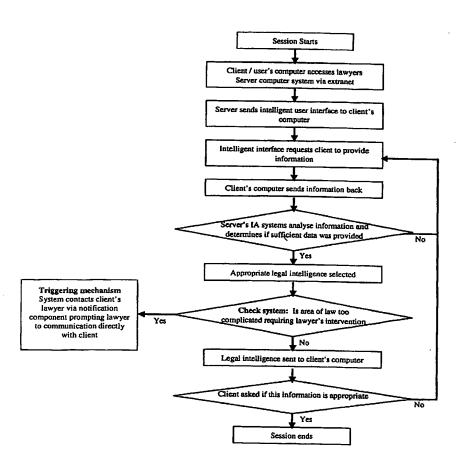
- (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): BY-TALUS LIMITED [NZ/NZ]; 33 Studholme Street, 2251 Morrinsville (NZ).
- (72) Inventor; and
- (75) Inventor/Applicant (for US only): VAN DER ZANDEN,

Roger, Joseph [NZ/NZ]; 15 Albert Street, 2001 Hamilton (NZ).

- (74) Agents: WILSON, Kathryn, Shelley et al.; Private Bag 3140, Level 12, KPMG Centre, 85 Alexandra Street, 2001 Hamilton (NZ).
- (81) Designated States (national): AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BW, BY, BZ, CA, CH, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DM, DZ, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, MZ, NI, NO, NZ, OM, PG, PH, PL, PT, RO, RU, SC, SD, SE, SG, SK, SL, SY, TJ, TM, TN, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VC, VN, YU, ZA, ZM, ZW.
- (84) Designated States (regional): ARIPO patent (BW, GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, MZ, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZM, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, BG, CH, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, HU, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, RO, SE,

[Continued on next page]

(54) Title: QUERY RESPONSE SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the provision of query response software which is adapted to initially receive query information and identity information for a user. software employed can then search for information identified by the query information and retrieve this information, and then subsequently deliver the retrieved information of a user. This query response software can also determine whether the delivered information can successfully be employed by the user involved to answer the query, and if the user is unlikely to succeed, the software can contact a specialist advisor. Methods of providing a response to a query and a method of retrieving information are also within the scope of the invention disclosed.

WO 2004/049210 A1